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Subject: Solicitor Water Rights Coverage

With the recent retirement of Dale Pontius from the Solicitor's Office, the Regional Solicitor has reconfigured who on the Solicitor's staff will represent the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on various water rights proceedings. The attached letter lists how the Solicitor's staff has been assigned the various adjudications to support the BLM. The Regional Solicitor has requested that inquiries for legal support not related to the existing adjudications be submitted in writing through the Regional Solicitor for assignment to an attorney. It is possible that relatively minor information requests may be made over the phone directly to an attorney; however, District Offices and Field Offices should first contact Mark Blakeslee, Hydrologist, at (505) 438-7424 to determine the appropriate inquiry procedure.

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1 Attachment:

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